

SENATE BILL 3509

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 71, relative to requiring the presenting of a photographic identification by any individual seeking to receive or access any federal assistance benefit in this state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-1-135.

(a) For any program administered by the department of human services, the department of finance and administration or any other agency of state, county or municipal government in this state, no individual may receive or access any federal assistance or benefit administered by such agencies or contractors to such agencies without presenting a photographic identification as required by this section.

(b) For the purposes of this section "photographic identification" means:

(1) A Tennessee driver license;

(2)

(A) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2)(B), a valid identification card issued by a branch, department, agency or entity of this state, any other state, or the United States authorized by law to issue personal identification; provided, that such identification card contains a photograph of the individual;

(B) An identification card issued to a student by an institution of higher education containing a photograph of a student shall not be evidence of

identification for purposes of verifying the person's identification under subsection

(a);

(3) A valid identification card issued pursuant to § 55-50-336;

(4) A valid United States passport;

(5) A valid employee identification card issued by a branch, department, agency or entity of this state, any other state, or the United States authorized by law to issue employee identification; provided, that such identification card contains a photograph of the individual; or

(6) A valid United States military identification card; provided, that such identification card contains a photograph of the individual.

(c) The commissioner of human services is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in, title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.